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Dear Sue:

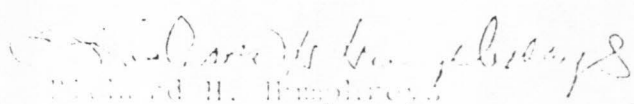
RE: GUIDELINES FOR NEWSLETTER

I have been laboring over guidelines as requested by Francis Gates and find that I get into too many specifics. In going back over the files you passed to me, some two years ago, I found the "Guidelines" which had been put together by Lorraine Kulpa which you indicated you had followed during your tenure as Editor.

In studying these three pages, I find them to be far superior to anything that I can come up with. It is comprehensive in its coverage. If the language becomes more specific, it would probably lead to a series of items and before we know it, we would have a volume of regulations with which to comply.

It may be that it would be best to see that each new Vice President/President Elect was furnished with a set of these Guidelines. At the beginning of that individual's term as President, he or she should sit down with the Editor to go over these. As you have indicated, your experience with the three Presidents who served when you were Editor, was different with each. My experience is much the same. However, with the Guidelines as a starting point for each new President (and for a new Editor) there is a common ground for discussion and understanding.

Sincerely yours,


Richard H. Humphreys
Editor, AALL Newsletter

RHH/mvg

cc: Francis Gates
Roger Jacobs
Patrick Kehoe

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